

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-15 are pending and stand rejected for obviousness-type double-patenting over claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent 6,706,686. Applicants are filing a terminal disclaimer to address this issue.

II. Objection to Specification

Applicants have provided the requested amendment to the specification, thereby obviating the objection.

III. Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, applicants submit that all claims are in condition for an allowance, and an early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner have any questions regarding the content of this response, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited.

Respectfully submitted,



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